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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD.

SUBJECT: Conversation with Gordon Stewart re Zsolt Aradi

1. Mr. Stewart phoned to inquire what we felt about Aradi. I told him that after discussion here we had informed FEER/New York that there was a past history of dealings between HFE and Aradi, involving a certain amount of bad blood when HFE at the last moment had to invent implausible excuses for refusing to hire Aradi. I told Mr. Stewart we had warned FEER that whatever their dealings with Aradi might be, they should take note of the fact that it would be virtually impossible to obtain a security clearance on him; and therefore it would be well to avoid being put in a position similar to that of HFE in 1953.

2. As a result of Aradi's inquiry to Mr. Stewart as to whether it would be a good idea to accept a possible job with the CDUCE in Paris, Mr. Stewart must reply. His party line to Aradi is going to be simply that he does not think the whole project sounds very interesting.

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